



Indiana Department of Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Data Managers

FROM: Wes Bruce, Assistant Superintendent for Accreditation, Assessment and Licensing
Mary Tiede Wilhelmus, Director of K-12 Data Reporting

DATE: January 29, 2008

RE: Preliminary 2006-2007 Adequate Yearly Progress & Public Law 221 Determinations

Secure Access to Preliminary AYP/P.L. 221 Determinations

Preliminary 2006-2007 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) determinations and Public Law 221 (P.L. 221) category placements for Indiana school corporations and public school buildings are available via the following secure links (corporation number or school number and pin required):

AYP: <http://mustang.doe.state.in.us/AP/loginayp.cfm>
P.L. 221: <https://mustang.doe.state.in.us/AP/loginpl221.cfm>

Click on student groups to drill down in the data. FERPA-protected student lists are available via the STN Application Center (under Lookup) at www.doe.state.in.us/stn/stn_application_center.html.

Appeal Deadline – February 15, 2008

The appeal window for both AYP and P.L. 221 ends Friday, February 15, 2008. **Appeals should be mailed to Mary Tiede Wilhelmus, K-12 Data Reporting, 151 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis, IN 46204-2798.** Appeals will be processed as they are received, and superintendents will receive final appeal decisions via e-mail.

AYP determinations and P.L. 221 category placements are based on the application of formulas defined and approved in the accountability systems. Therefore, with rare exceptions, only statistical errors in the underlying data provide cause for a reconsideration of a corporation or school's AYP determination or P.L. 221 category placement. Appeals must contain specific student level data directly verifiable through the STN application center or supported by evidence submitted with the appeal.

The basis for appeals for AYP determinations and P.L. 221 category placements include:

- ISTEP+ data for the school or corporation are correct and complete, but do not correctly portray the performance of the school corporation or school.
- ISTEP+ data are correct, but incomplete, and provide an incomplete picture of the school or school corporation because students did not complete testing due to natural or manmade occurrences that could not have been anticipated, demographics have changed significantly, or significant school organization changes have been made.

Public Release of AYP & P.L. 221 Determinations

We anticipate the public release of 2006-2007 AYP determinations will occur during the last week in February (superintendents will receive advance notice prior to the public AYP release). The 2006-2007 P.L. 221 category placements are scheduled to be acted upon by the Indiana State Board of Education at its business meeting scheduled on March 5, 2008. The category placements will be released public that same day pending board approval.

Additional Information on AYP

Required for all public schools under The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), AYP determinations are based on student disaggregated groups and attendance as determined only by the following 2006-07 data submitted and verified by your school corporation to the STN Application center:

- ISTEP+ performance (English/language arts & mathematics)
- ISTEP+ participation rate: 95 percent
- Attendance rate (elementary and middle schools): 95 percent or progress toward
- Graduation Rate (high schools): 95 percent or progress toward

Additional Information on P.L. 221

Public Law 221-1999 ([Indiana Code 20-31-8](#)), requires the Indiana State Board of Education to assess the performance and improvement of every school corporation, public school, and accredited nonpublic school. Performance is based on fall 2007 test-takers at the buildings where students were in attendance during 2006-2007 on May 1 or after (Grade 9 scores go back to middle/junior high schools and Grade 6 scores go back to K-5 buildings). The improvement component is based on a three-year rolling average of nonmobile students (126 days of enrollment).

Based on these results, school corporations and schools are placed into one of the following categories established in State Board of Education rule 511 IAC 6.2-6-5:

- Exemplary Progress
- Commendable Progress
- Academic Progress
- Academic Watch (Priority)
- Academic Probation (High Priority)

Questions?

If you have questions related to the AYP or P.L. 221 determinations, please e-mail ayp@doe.state.in.us or call 317-232-9177.